

HAMILTON COUNTY DRUG COURT
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND ORIENTATION
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The Hamilton County Drug Court is a voluntary program. Acceptance and participation in the program is not a right.

Program Eligibility Criteria

- Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- Should have applied for entry into the program within 45 days from the date of arrest/charge/violation.
- No prior convictions for a forcible felony offense, sex offense or a crime of violence. No current charges involving any forcible felony offense, sex offense or crime of violence (as defined by statute).
- No outstanding warrants, detainers or pending terms of probation and/or parole in other counties or states that cannot be resolved prior to entry into the drug court program.
- Must have prior unsuccessful attempts at community supervision and/or substance abuse treatment.
- A willingness to enter a guilty plea to a felony offense with no agreement to sentencing should an unsuccessful discharge occur.
- An ability and willingness to attend all court hearings, case management meetings and treatment as directed.
- A willingness to admit to either an addiction or chemical dependency to a mood altering substance. Further, participants must demonstrate a willingness to complete any treatment program recommended by the evaluating agency and the Drug Court Team. Treatment participation is non-negotiable.

If any of these criteria are not met, participation may be denied. Offenders referred to the drug court who are deemed ineligible or choose not to participate may request information regarding the availability of alternative substance abuse services in the community.

Program Length

The Hamilton County Drug Court is approximately Eighteen months to two years in length; however, participants will be required to remain in the program until all program conditions are met.

Program Services

The Hamilton County Drug Court offers the following services: eligibility screening, substance abuse assessments, referral, case management, and chemical testing.

Substance Abuse Treatment Providers:

The Treatment agencies used by the Hamilton County Drug Court are certified by the Indiana Department of Mental Health and Addiction. Agency information including costs associated with treatment will be provided by Drug Court staff following the initial substance abuse screening.

Chemical Testing

The Hamilton County Drug Court utilizes breathalyzer tests and urine screens to monitor a participant's substance use. Participants are required to submit to random chemical tests upon request of the Drug Court staff. Each participant is required to contact the program on a daily basis to verify the need to appear that day for testing.

Program Costs

Each participant will be ordered to pay a \$100.00 Administration Fee for assessment and screening costs, if applicable. In addition, each participant will be ordered to pay \$50 per month for Drug Court fees with a program cap set at \$750.00 in addition to the Administration Fee, if applicable. Each participant will additionally pay for urine drug screens. The cost of treatment will also be the responsibility of the participant. A payment schedule will be established for each participant for services provided by the Drug Court as needed.

Required Conduct of the Program

- Comply with all standard conditions of the program
- Report for all mandatory court appearances
- Participate in treatment as directed
- Submit to random chemical testing as directed
- Report for all appointments with program staff
- Remain substance free
- Pay all required fees
- Maintain suitable employment or pursue an approved course of study or vocational training including attending GED or other classes as directed
- Not carry, use, or possess, any firearm, destructive device, or dangerous weapon

Requirements for Successful Completion

- Successful completion of all recommended treatment programming and self-help group requirements
- Payment of all fees, including urine screen fees, treatment fees and program fees
- Documented sobriety for at least 180 days

Program Violations resulting in Sanctions

- Failure to comply with program rules
- Failure to participate in treatment
- Failure to report for mandatory court appearances
- Failure to report to all required appointments, treatment and support groups or anything ordered by the case manager or judge
- Failure to be truthful to drug court personnel
- Testing positive for the use of substances
- Failure to maintain employment or pursue a course of study

The following is a list of possible sanctions which could be imposed following a violation of program rules: verbal reprimand; volunteer work; additional day reporting or curfew; house arrest; incarceration; termination from the program.

Grounds for Termination

- Attempts to alter, adulterate, or falsify, a urine screen or breath test
- The use of verbal or physical threats, direct or indirect, to other participants, Drug Court staff, treatment staff, or any other person involved in a participant's successful completion of the Drug Court Program
- The use of sexual, racial, or ethnic slurs, comments or harassment to any person involved with the Drug Court Program
- A demonstrated and continued pattern of non-compliance and /or dishonesty
- Arrest for the commission of any criminal offense occurring while participating in the program
- Failure to complete treatment as directed

HAMILTON COUNTY DRUG COURT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, RELIGION, GENDER, ETHNICITY, AGE OR DISABILITY.

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